The majority of States showing over-the-year growth in average weekly wages equal to or exceeding the national average in 2008 were located primarily in the Midwest and Southwest.

- States showing wage growth marginally below the national average were heavily concentrated in the West.

- States showing wage growth significantly below the national average were located throughout the United States.
FIGURE 7

Percent change in average weekly wage by State

2007–2008

Percent

- 3.5 or higher
- 2.5 (national average) to 3.4
- 1.5 to 2.4
- 1.4 or lower